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## HUDGENS ANNOUNCES REWARD IN WORTH COUNTY ARSON CASE

**Atlanta** – Today, Drew Lane, Fraud Unit Director/Arson Unit Case Manager for Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens and Randy Bishop of the Georgia Arson Control Board, Inc. announced the presentation of a reward check totaling \$5,000 to a citizen of Sylvester, Georgia. The individual provided information on a fire that led to the conviction of an arsonist.

The check in the amount of \$5,000 was presented to Tifton Judicial Circuit District Attorney Paul Bowden, Sylvester Police Chief Wayne Jennings, Worth County Commission Chairman Matt Meaders, Worth County Magistrate Tony Strenth, and Sylvester City Councilman Melvin Powell in a brief ceremony. The reward will be forwarded to the recipient who has chosen to remain anonymous, Commissioner Hudgens said.

Commissioner Hudgens and the Georgia Arson Control Board, Inc. (GAC) sponsor the Georgia Arson Control Reward Program and the Georgia Arson Hotline. Rewards of up to \$10,000 are given for information leading to the arrest and conviction of an arsonist. Anyone with information about a suspicious fire is asked to call the hotline at **1-800-282-5804**. Calls are taken 24 hours a day; callers can choose to remain anonymous.

Since its inception in 1979, GAC has approved over 500 rewards totaling \$1.6 million.

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